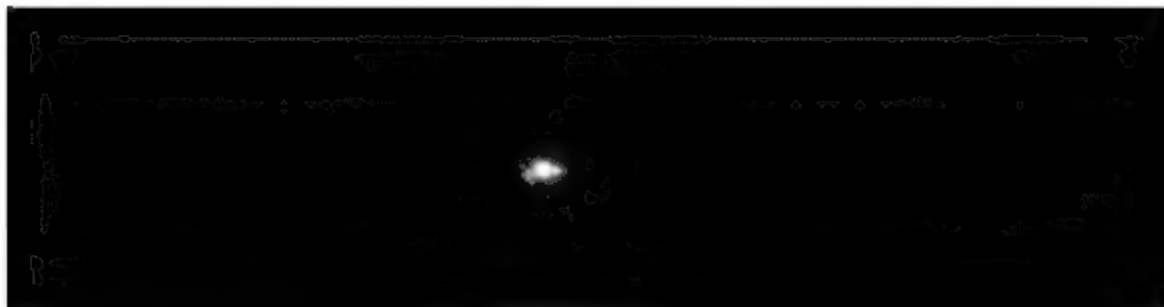


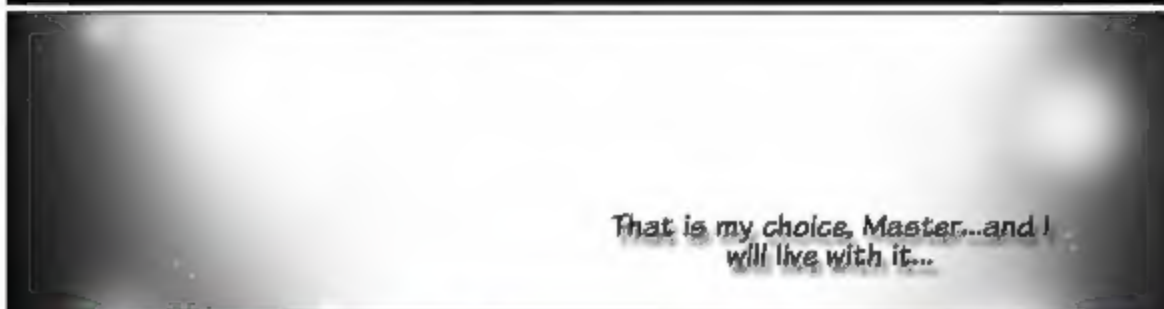
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SEASON



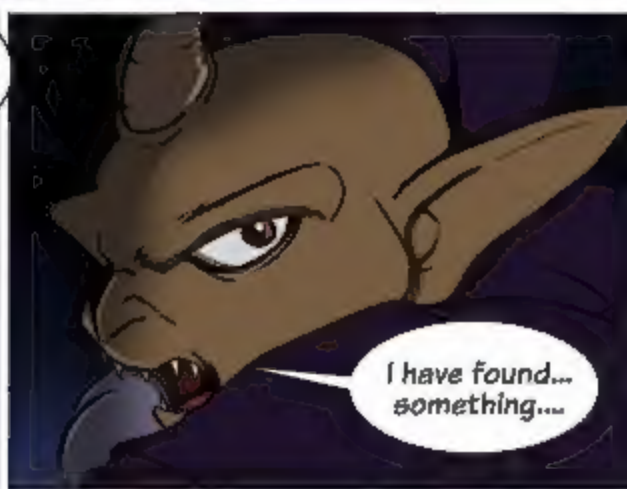
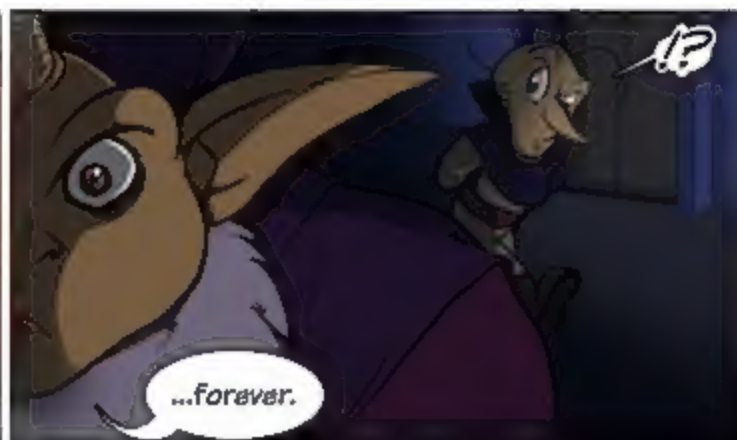
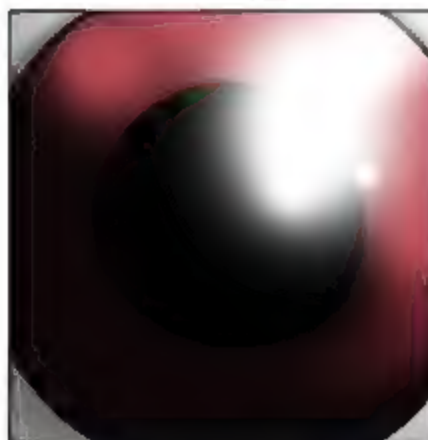
CHAPTER 4



No return from the road you
now tread there will be...



That is my choice, Master...and I
will live with it...





The Hunt Begins, Part One: Return to Maga

WHOOOSH

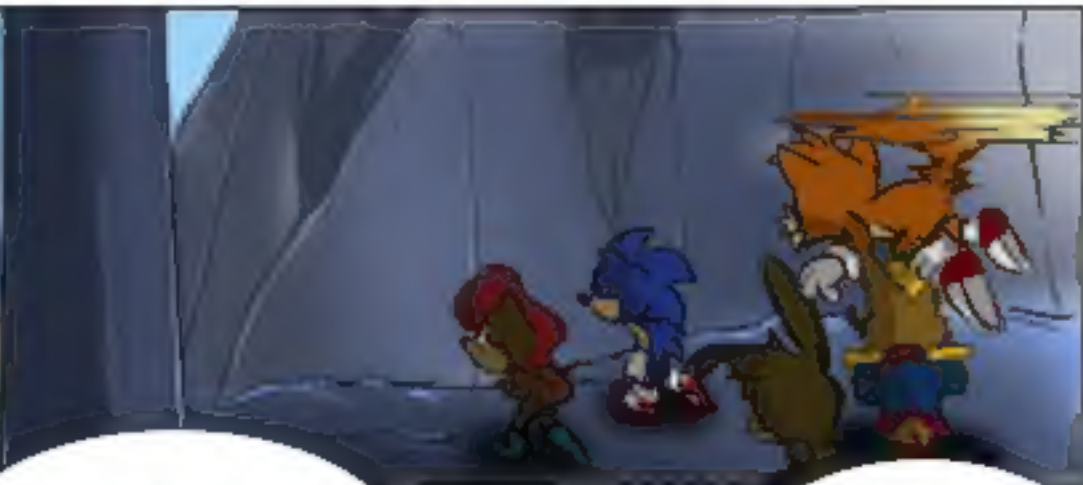
Remind me,
why'd we let
Sugar-Hog fly
the plane
again?

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Illustrated by Steven Wood, "Saber"
Edited by Paul Scott and John Roberts
Based on the "Sonic the Hedgehog" cartoon
Characters owned by DiC and SEGA



Perfect
landing!

Define
"perfect"...



This place looks way past cool, you guys! Why couldn't I come here with you last time?

You really think this place can help us figure out the riddle that weirdo "Guardian" stuck us with, Sal?

Because it is being a most dangerous of places...

Not so dangerous we couldn't snatch up the Secret Scrolls 'n' walk away in one piece, Sugah-Anti!

I'm not positive, Sonic, but something Naugus said the last time we saw him in Robotropolis got me thinking...

-Or forge on, hopelessly alone, while Snively draws ever closer to claiming the wonders of this world?

It was that word he used, "wonders", which struck me...

The Guardian's scroll talks about seven different kinds of power which stem from this "Chaos", while the Secret Scrolls described the seven wonders of Mobius.

I think there's a connection, and as the place that housed the Secret Scrolls, Muga seems the best place to start looking for it.

Bit of a long-shot, don't ya think, Sal?






Maybe,
but...



Your pre-
cious father
is now
trapped
with his
most hated
enemy...



And only I
have the
power to
free him.







You guys hear that?



Hear what? I don't...



...no wind bursts.



Not since we got here.



Wind bursts?

One 'o' this city's lil' quirks. Big blasts 'o' wind're s'posed t'blow through every few minutes.

Made our last trip here mighty excitin', that's fer sure.

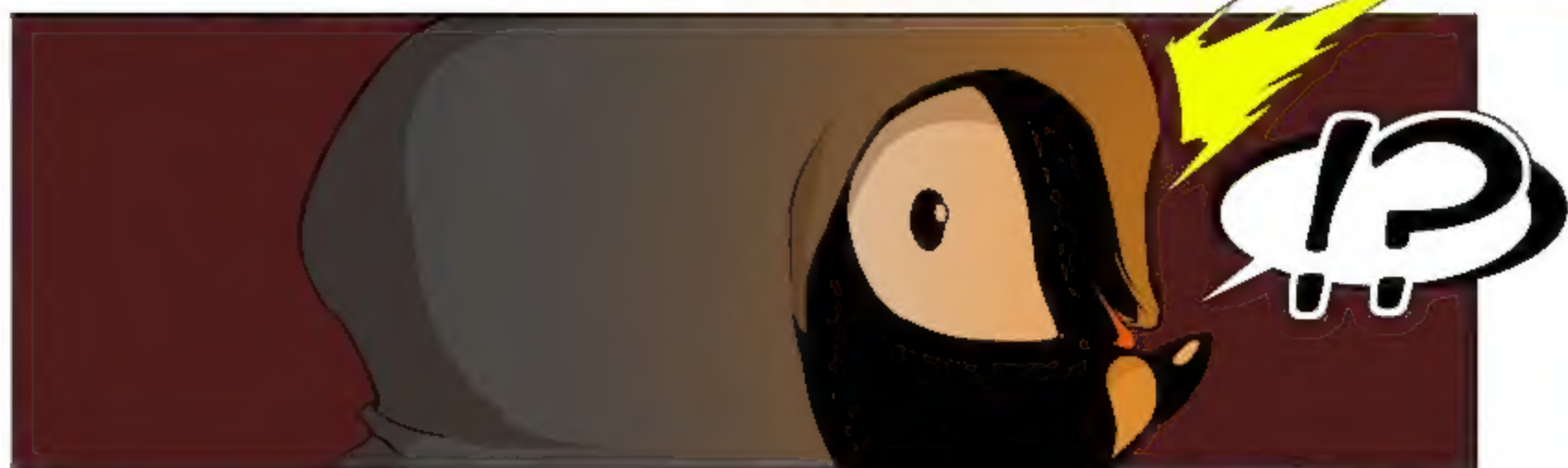


Something may be wrong with the wind-tunnel, we'd better check it out!





OH, NO WAY....



SO YOU'RE
THE ONE SCREWING
UP THE WIND
TUNNEL!

MR. GUARDIAN!

I HAVEN'T
"SCREWED UP"
ANYTHING.

I SIMPLY PUT
THE WIND TUNNEL
TO REST SO I COULD
EXAMINE ITS
HEART...

WELL AIN'T
THAT A NIFTY
TRICK?

SO...THAT
CRYSTAL IS WHAT
GENERATES THE WINDS
FROM THE TUNNEL?

I AM NOT
SURE I AM INCLINED
TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION,
PRINCESS.

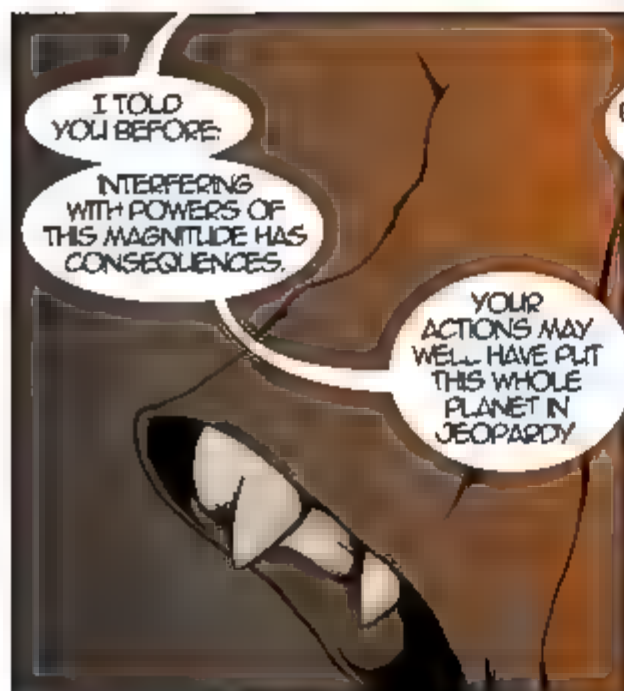
SO FAR YOU'VE
GIVEN ME NO REASON
TO DISTRUST YOU-

BUT AFTER
OUR PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER
I DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE
WHAT OTHER FORCES YOUR
TEAM HAS TRIFLED WITH
OTHER THAN THE DEEP
POWER STONES...

AND THE
RESULTS HAVE SO
FAR BEEN MOST
UNPLEASING.

THE CITY OF
MAGA IS ONLY MY LATEST
STOP. THE FLOATING ISLAND,
THE FORBIDDEN ZONE, DROOD
HENCE...ALL OF THEM TOUCHED
BY YOUR PRESENCE.

SOP



I TOLD YOU BEFORE.

INTERFERING WITH POWERS OF THIS MAGNITUDE HAS CONSEQUENCES.

YOUR ACTIONS MAY WELL HAVE PUT THIS WHOLE PLANET IN JEOPARDY.



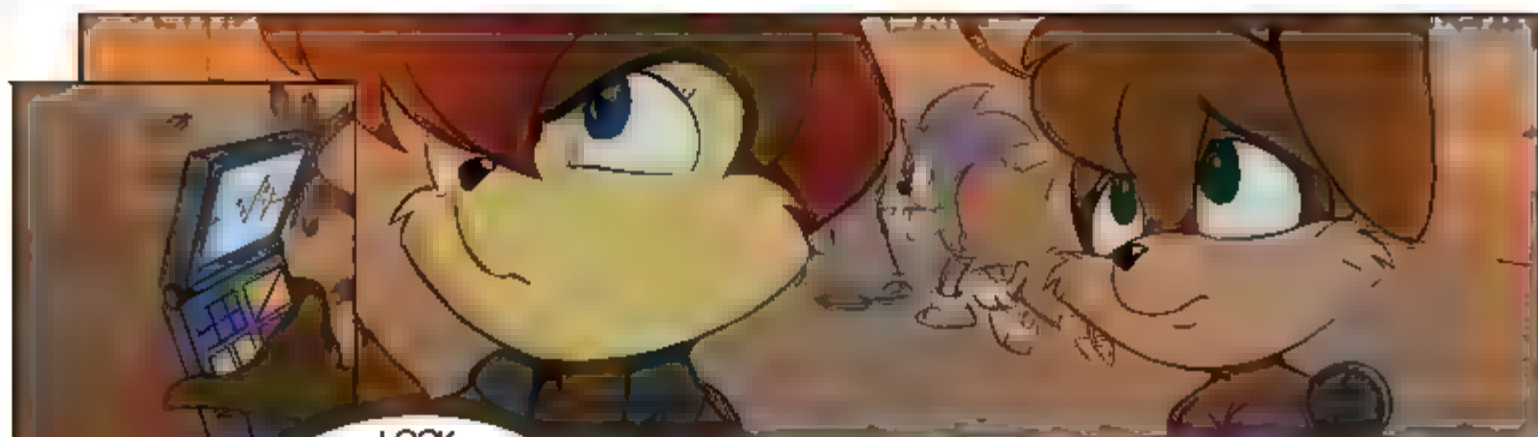
WATCH IT, BUD!

WE'VE BEEN BUSTIN' OUR BUTTS TRYIN' TO SAVE THIS PLANET!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN HIDING ALL THAT TIME?

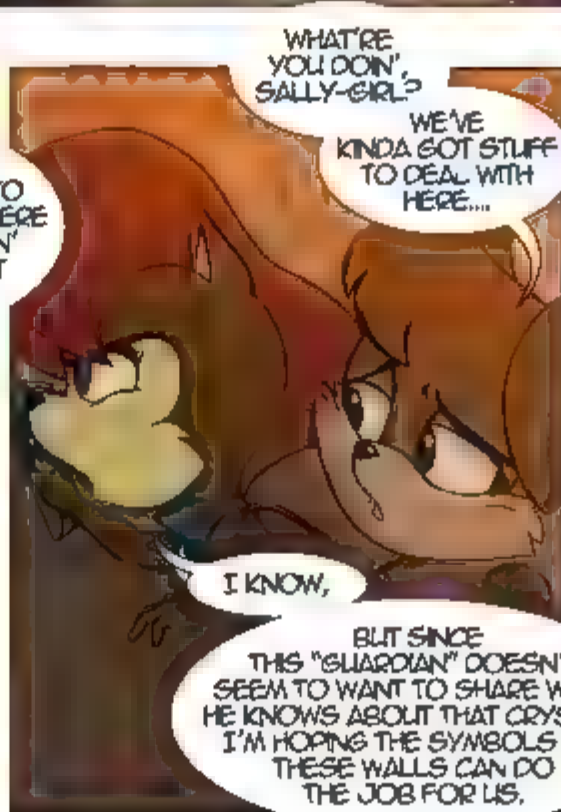
YOUR MOTIVES ARE IRRELEVANT.

WHY YOU WANT TO USE THESE POWERS DOES NOT CHANGE THE RISK POSED BY USING THEM.



LOOK, MR. GUARDIAN, YOU SAVED MY LIFE IN ROBOTROPOLIS, SO I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A BAD GUY.

BUT I THINK YOU NEED TO GIVE US A CHANCE HERE WE'RE ONLY TRYIN' TO DO THE RIGHT THING.



WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' SALLY-GIRL?

WE'VE KINDA GOT STUFF TO DEAL WITH HERE....

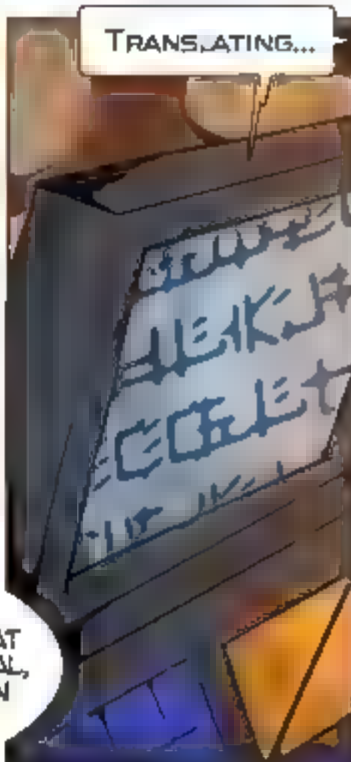
I KNOW,

BUT SINCE THIS "GUARDIAN" DOESN'T SEEM TO WANT TO SHARE WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THAT CRYSTAL, I'M HOPING THE SYMBOLS ON THESE WALLS CAN DO THE JOB FOR US.



YOU HEARD HIM, BIG GUY!

"THE RIGHT THING" DOESN'T ADD UP TO MUCH IN HIS BOOK.



TRANSLATING...

TRANSLATION
COMPLETE

"BY STAR'S
GUIDANCE, BY SUN'S
PROTECTION

PASSWORD
ACCEPTED. SECURITY
PROTOCOLS ENGAGED.

WHA?

EEEEEE

NICOLE!

NICOLE!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING OVER
THERE?

AND YOUR
OWN BUSINESS, DIL
YOU DON'T OWN THIS
PLACE!

I HAVE
GREATER CLAIM
HERE THAN--!

WHOA
HEY--!

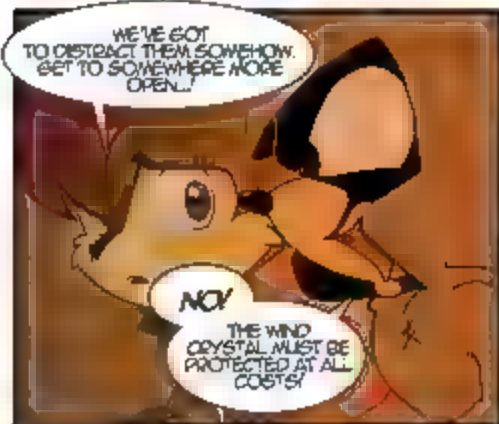
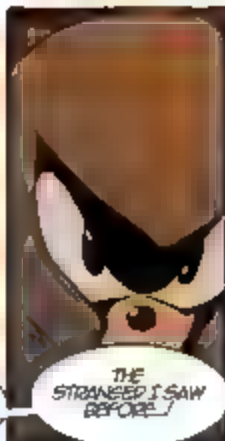
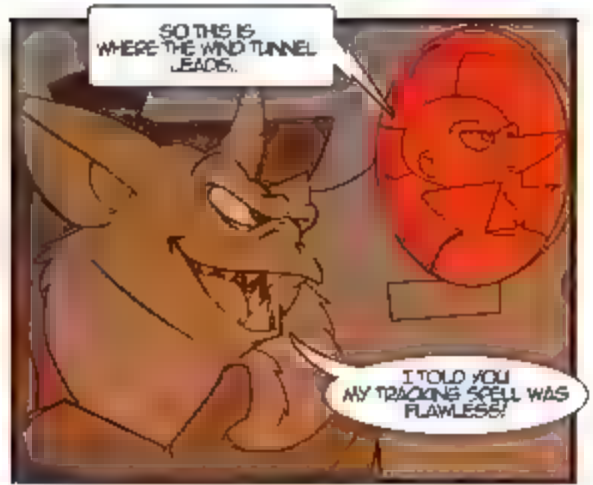
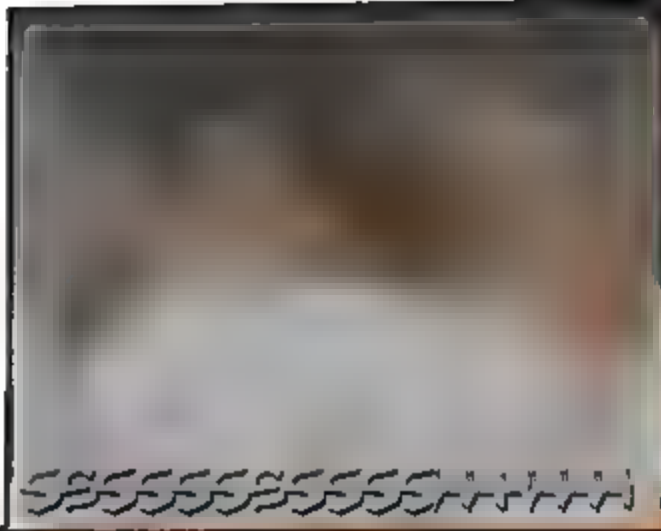
OH
YEAH? SAYS
WH-P

YOU
IDIOTS...

YOU'VE
LED THEM
STRAIGHT
TO IT!

"THEM" WHO DO
YOU--

EEEEEE





△△△△△△△△△△!!

NO SCREAMING
RIGHT NOW, ANT,
GOTTA CONCENT-
RATE!

LI'L
PAYBACK FOR
YA, FREAK-FACE!


BAMM

OOF!!


GUARDIAN,
WE'RE CORNERED IN
HERE, WE HAVE TO GET
OUTSIDE!

LISTEN TO HER, MR.
GUARDIAN! WE'VE
TANGLED WITH THESE
TWO BEFORE, THEY'RE
BAD NEWS!

BUT
THE CRYSTAL...!



YOU CAN
TAKE THE CRYSTAL WITH YOU.
I PROMISE, WE WON'T LET THEM
GET THEIR HANDS
ON IT.




-HOW MUCH
SAFER COULD IT BE WITH
THOSE TWO TEARING UP
THIS PLACE?

AND BESIDES-


CRASH



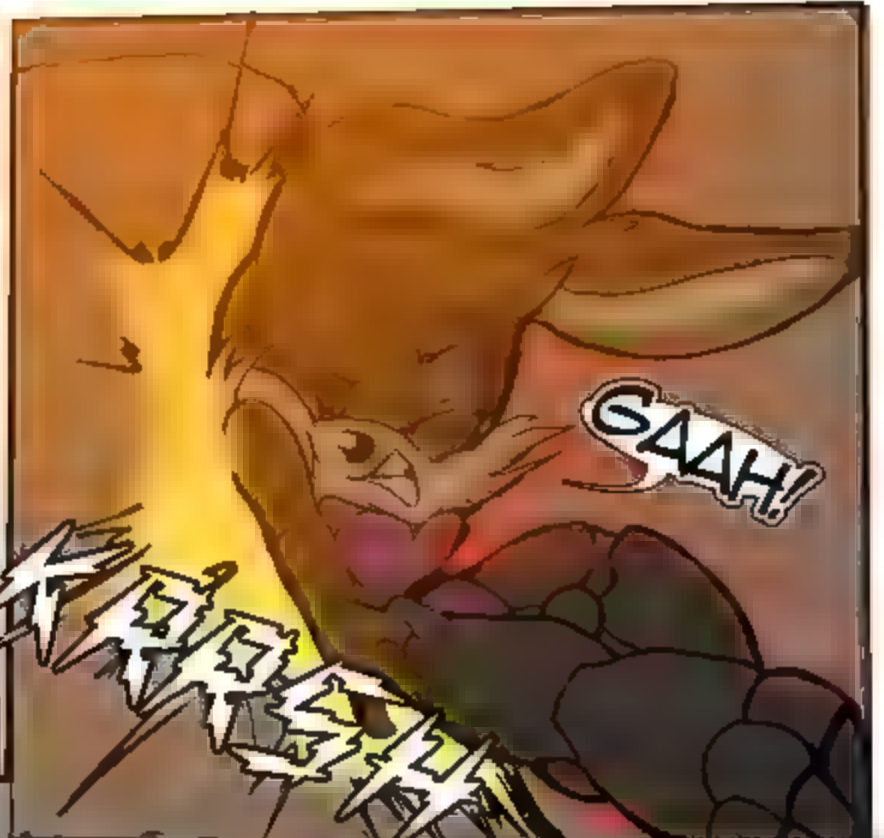
WHATEVER
WE'RE DOIN', THE
SOONER THE
BETTER!



VERY WELL...
JUST THIS
ONCE...



NO!
YOU WILL
NOT DENY ME
MY DESTINY!



WHERE IS THE BLUE ONE?





SONIC,
THIS IS OUR
CHANCE!

I DO
NOT APPRECIATE
BEING YOUR
FLATTENING
HAM!

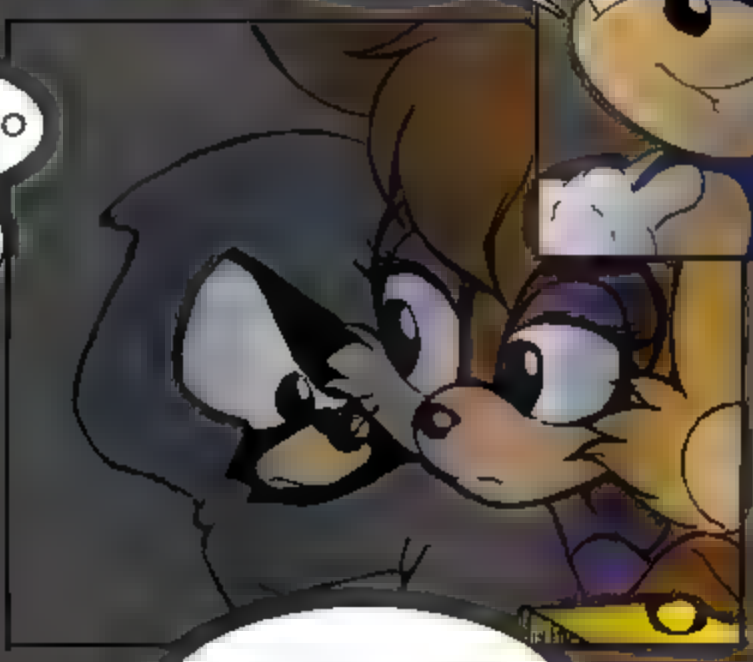


RIGHT!

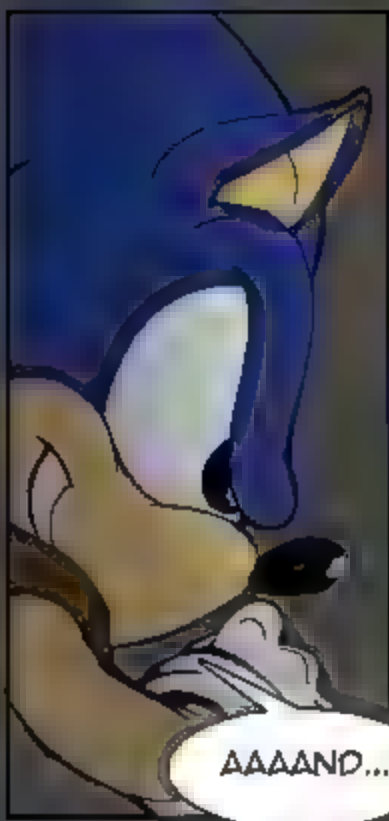
ALL
ABOARD,
EVERYBODY!

THAT
INCLUDES YOU, O
CRYPTIC ONE

... RIGHT,



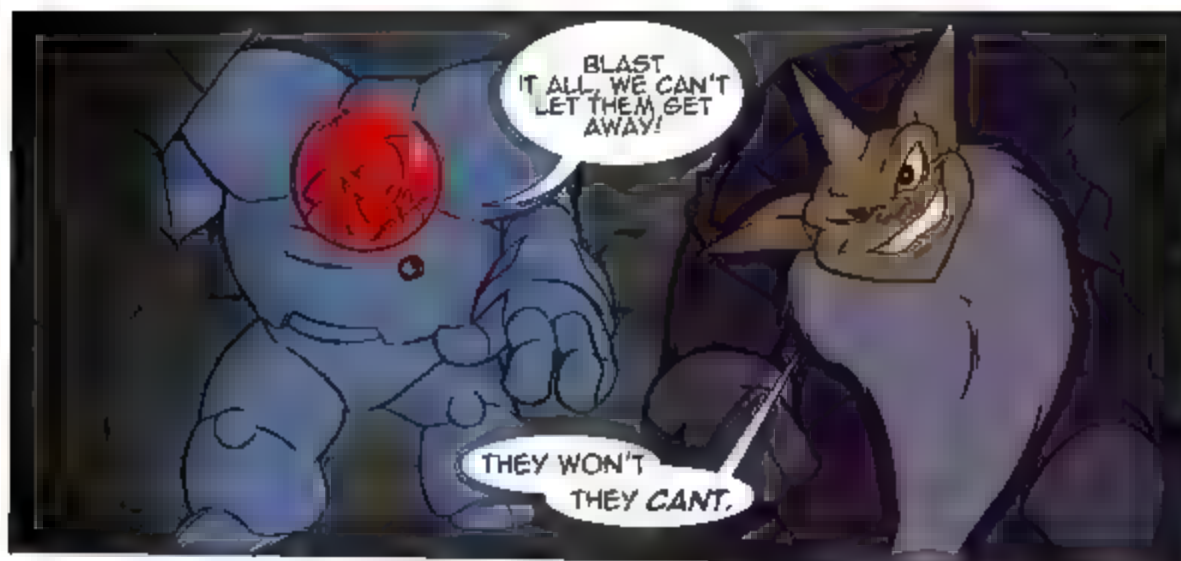
-THEY'RE
OFF!



AAAAND....

ACK!!
N-NO!



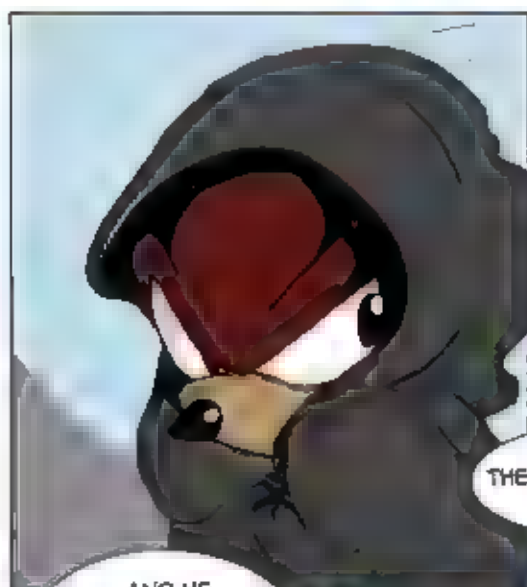




EVERYONE OK?

GET YOUR
BARINGS, 'CUZ
NEXT STOP'S THE
FREEDOM BOMBER!

WAIT, SONIC!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR
NAUGUS? HE SAID
SOMETHING ABOUT A
"TRACKING SPELL!"



THE PRINCESS IS
CORRECT.



THIS "NAUGUS"
CREATURE IS MAGICALLY
GIFTED. HE MUST'VE USED THAT
POWER TO TRACK THE WIND
CRYSTAL.



AND HE
IS ALSO NO DOUBT
ON HIS WAY TO BE
CATCHING US THIS
VERY MOMENTOUS
SECOND!

WE MUST
DO SOMETHING!



I AGREE
WITH ANT

WE CAN'T
HAND THAT CRYSTAL
OVER T' THE BAD
GUYS.

WE CAN'T
RUN, SO WE
GOTTA MAKE OUR
STAND 'N' FIGHT
'EM OFF!

ZAT IS
NOT WHAT
I SAID AT
ALL!!!

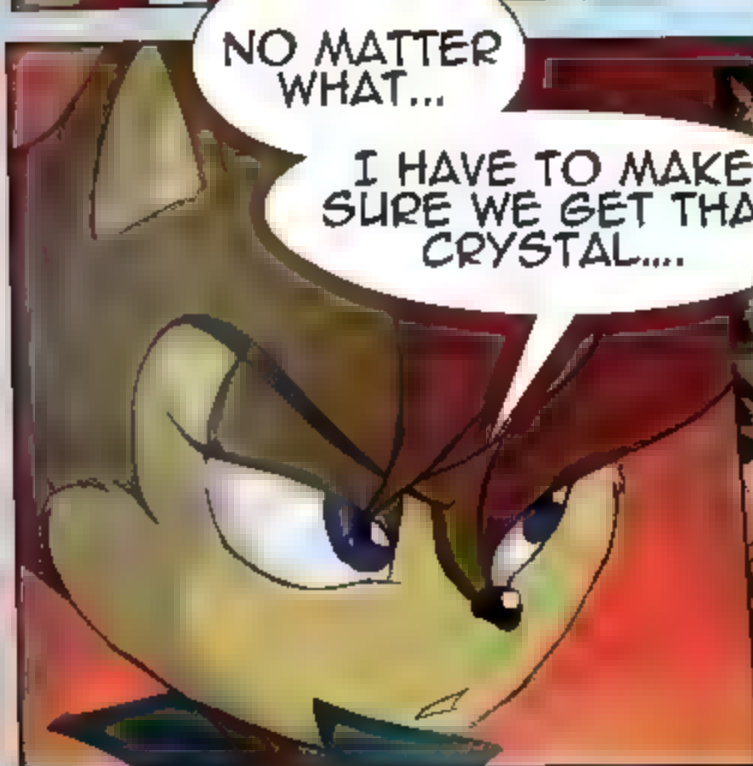


THE WIZARD
DRAWS CLOSE, I
CAN SENSE IT.



SONIC...IF
THIS TAKES A TURN
FOR THE WORSE, I WANT
YOU TO GET TAILS AND THE
OTHERS TO THE FREEDOM
BOMBER AND HEAD BACK
TO KNOTHOLE.

NO WAY! WHAT
ABOUT YOU?

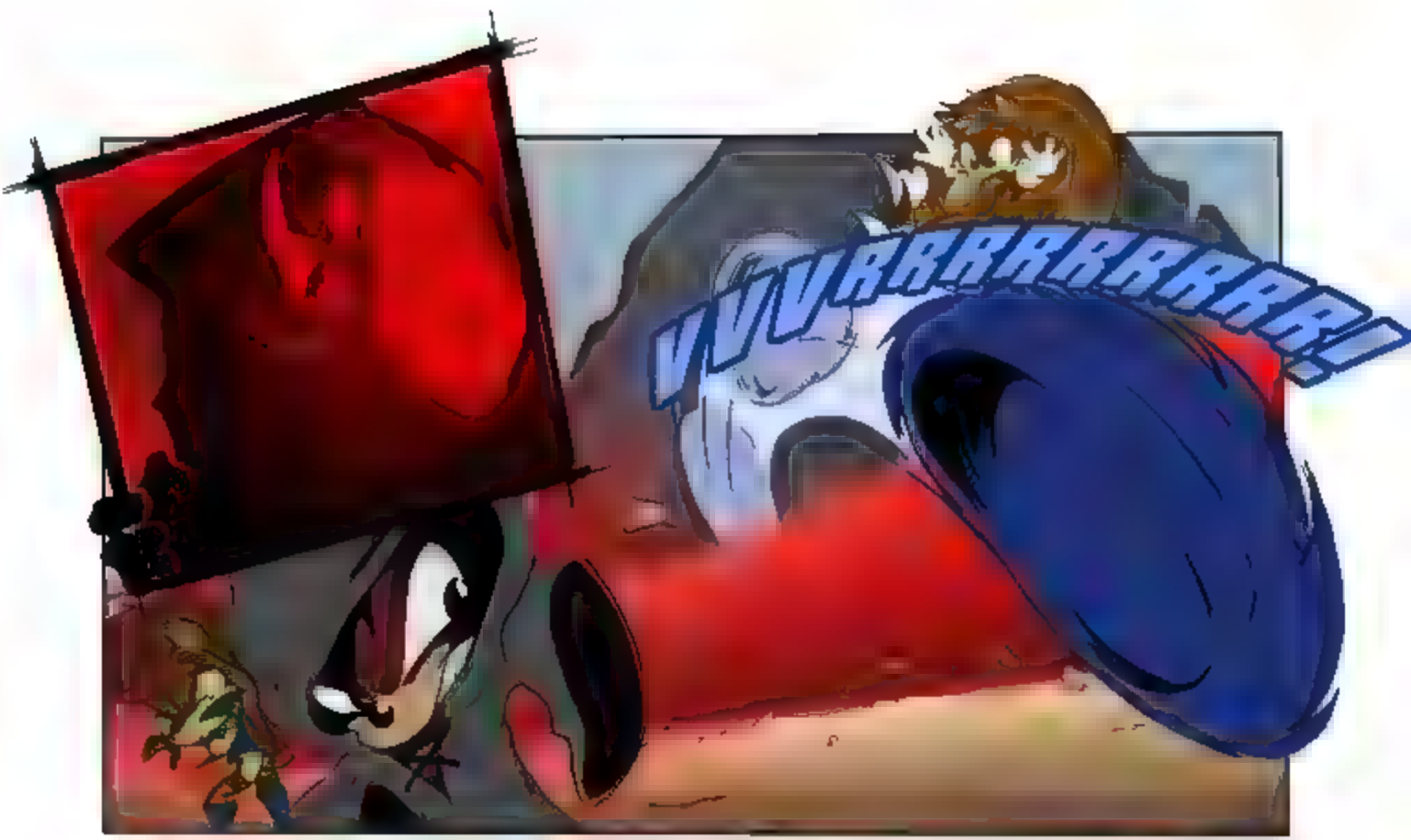


NO MATTER
WHAT...

I HAVE TO MAKE
SURE WE GET THAT
CRYSTAL....



FOOLS!



WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH THESE VERMIN?

BAMF!

YOU ARE NOT LIKE THEM, I CAN SENSE IT.

I AM NOT LIKE YOU EITHER.

I CAN SENSE THAT YOU ARE A CURSED THING.

HEY!

CAPTAIN CRYPTIC ISN'T THE ONLY GUY YOU HAVE T'WORRY ABOUT, FREAK-FACE!

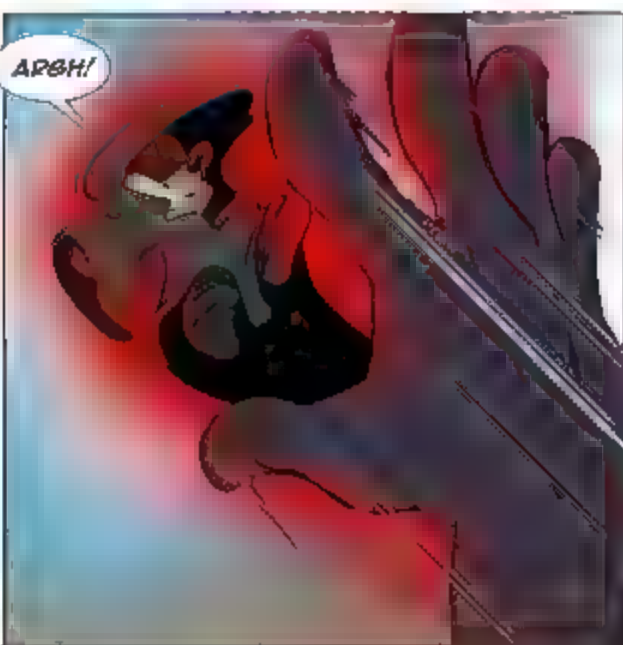
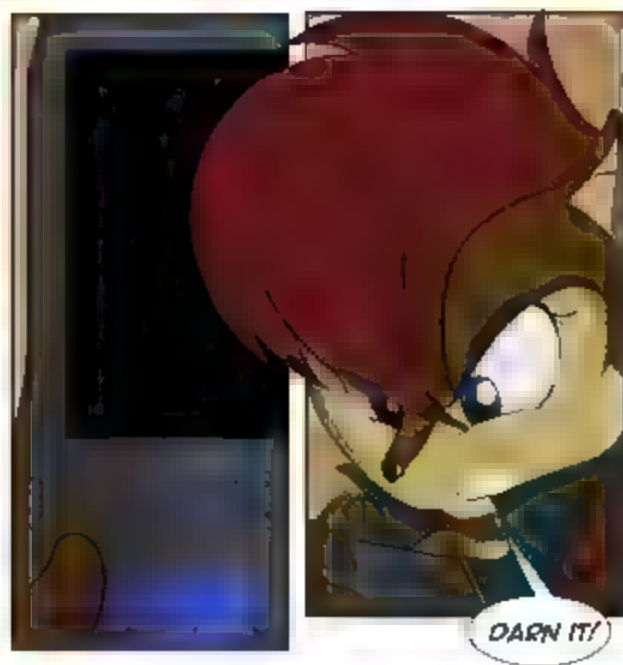
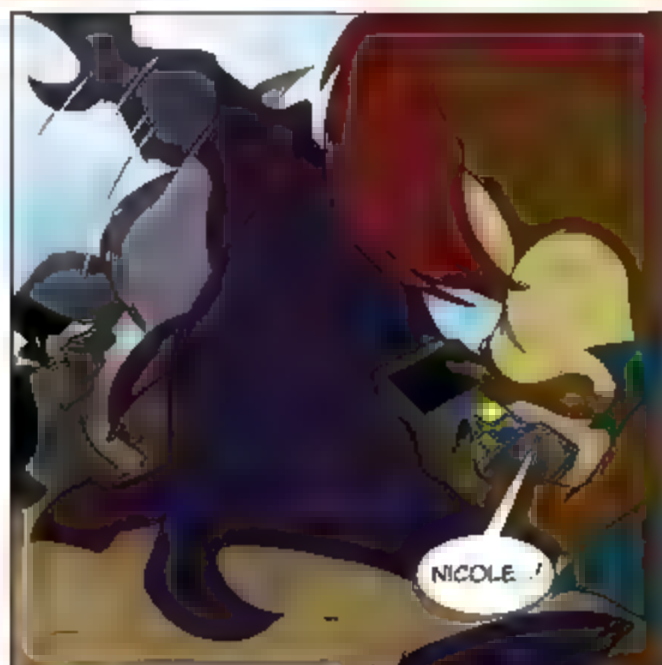
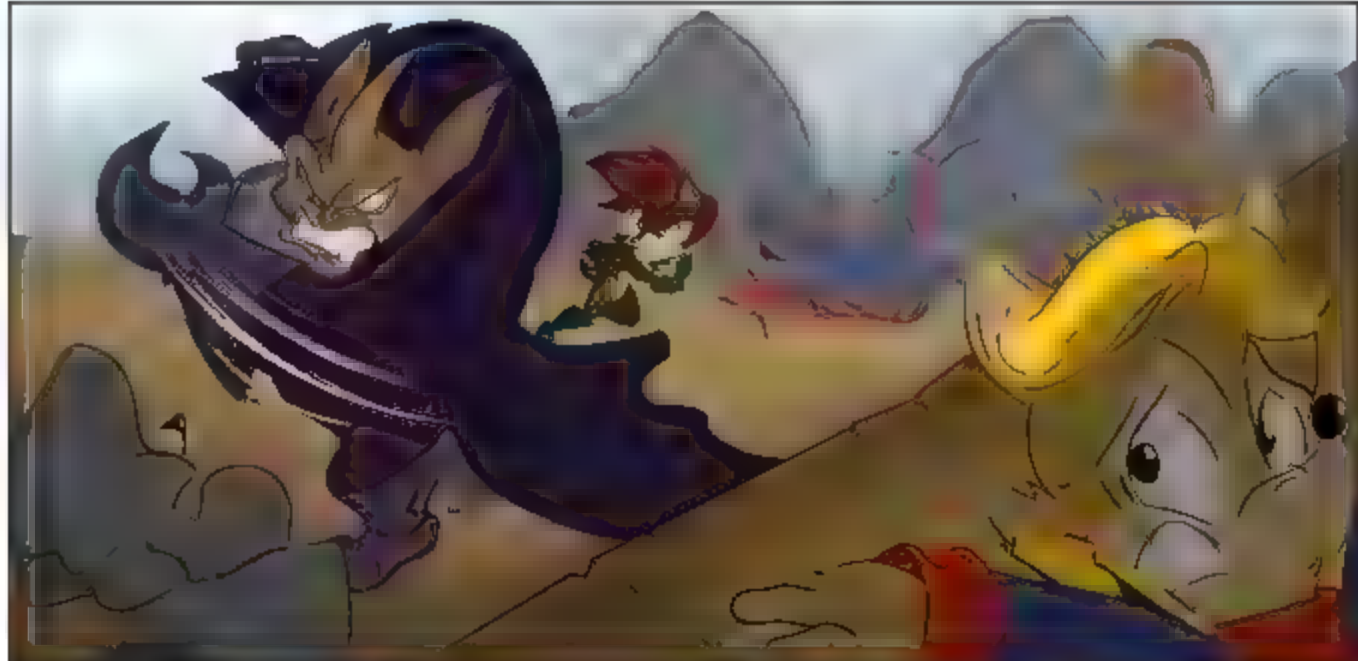
WOOSH

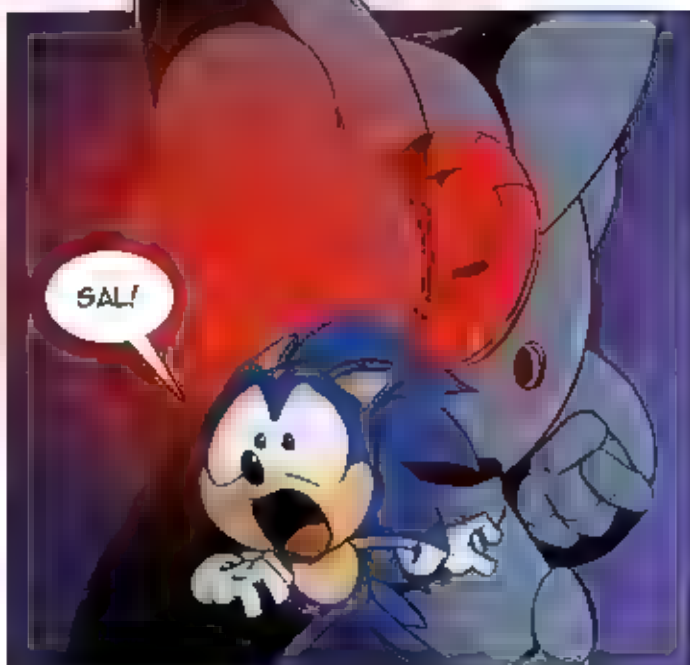
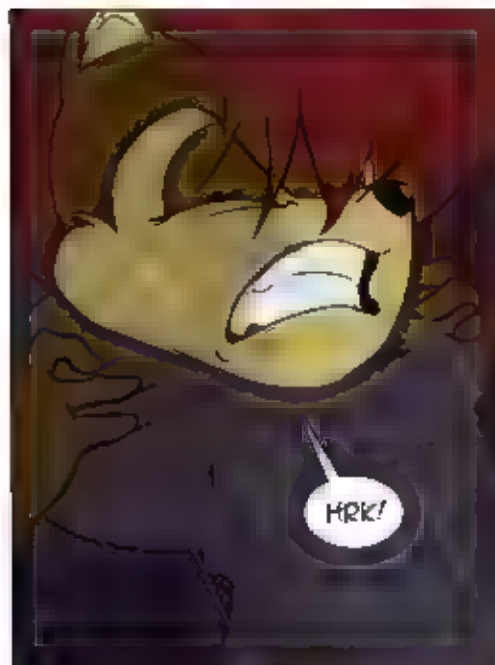
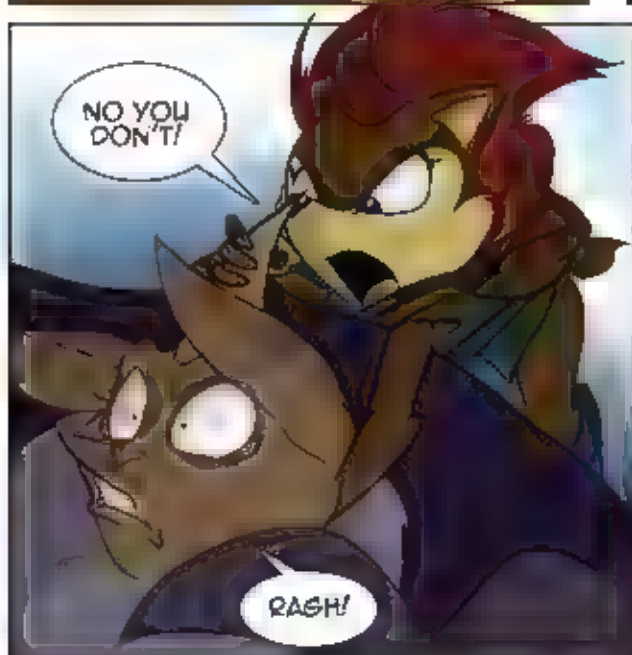
AND NAUGUS ISN'T THE ONLY ONE YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT, HEDGEHOG.

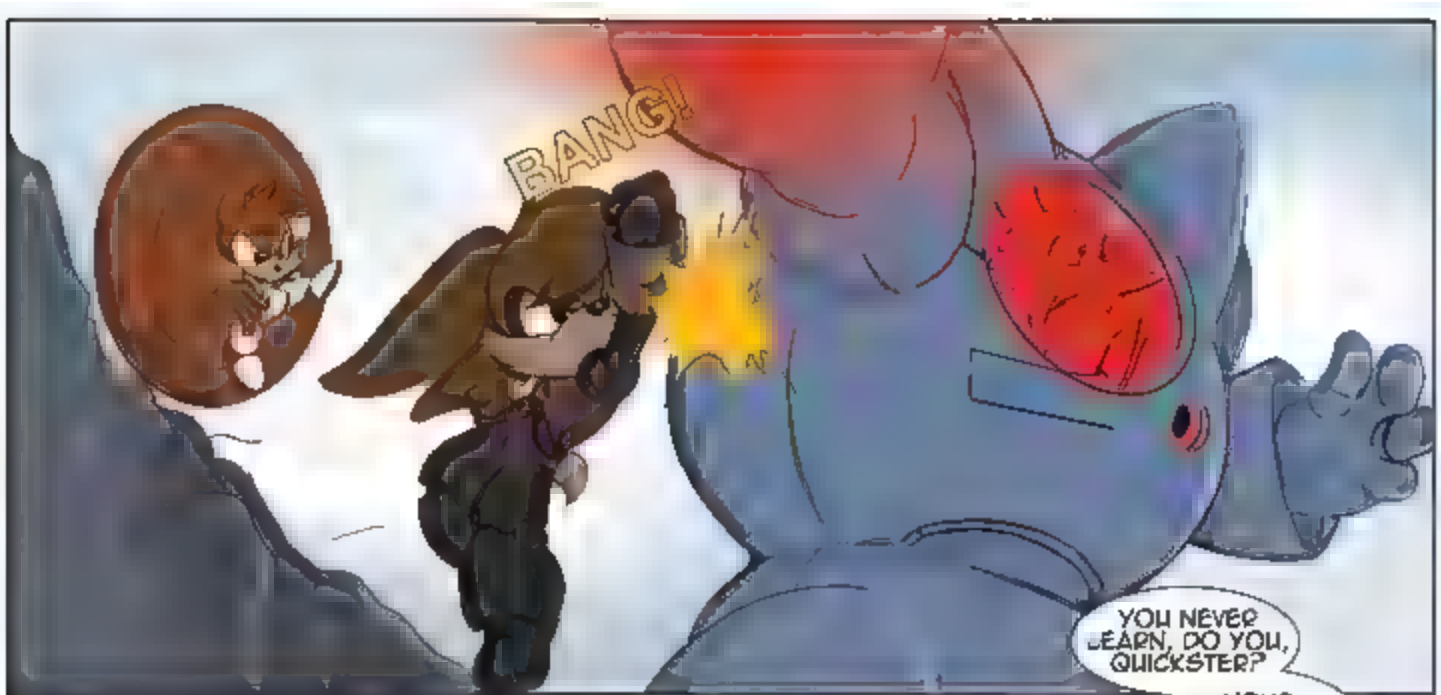
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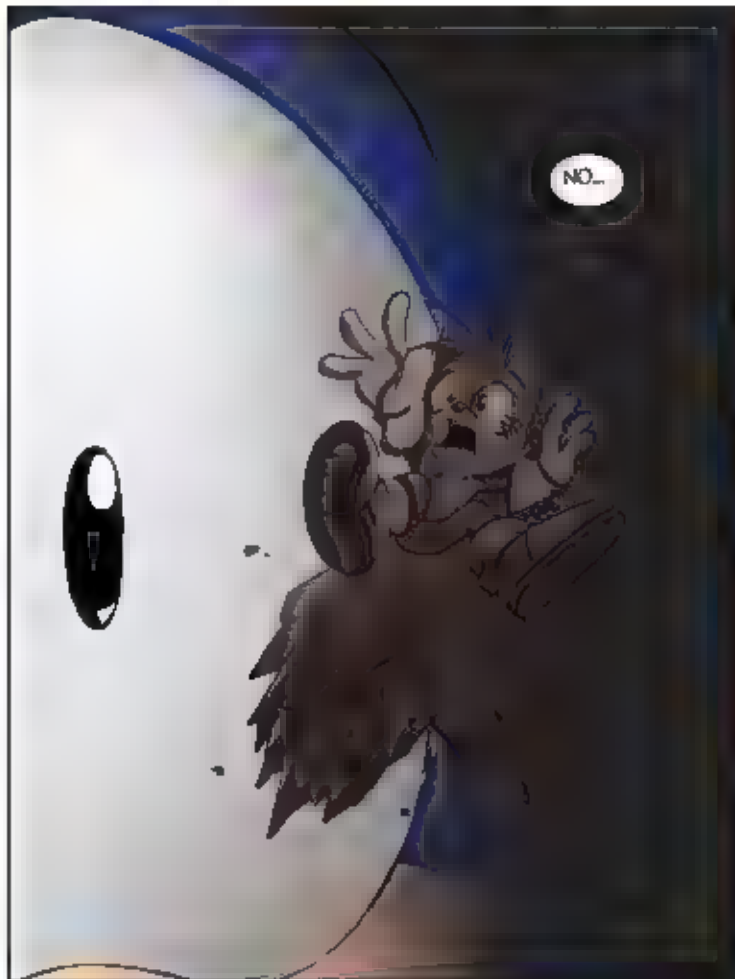
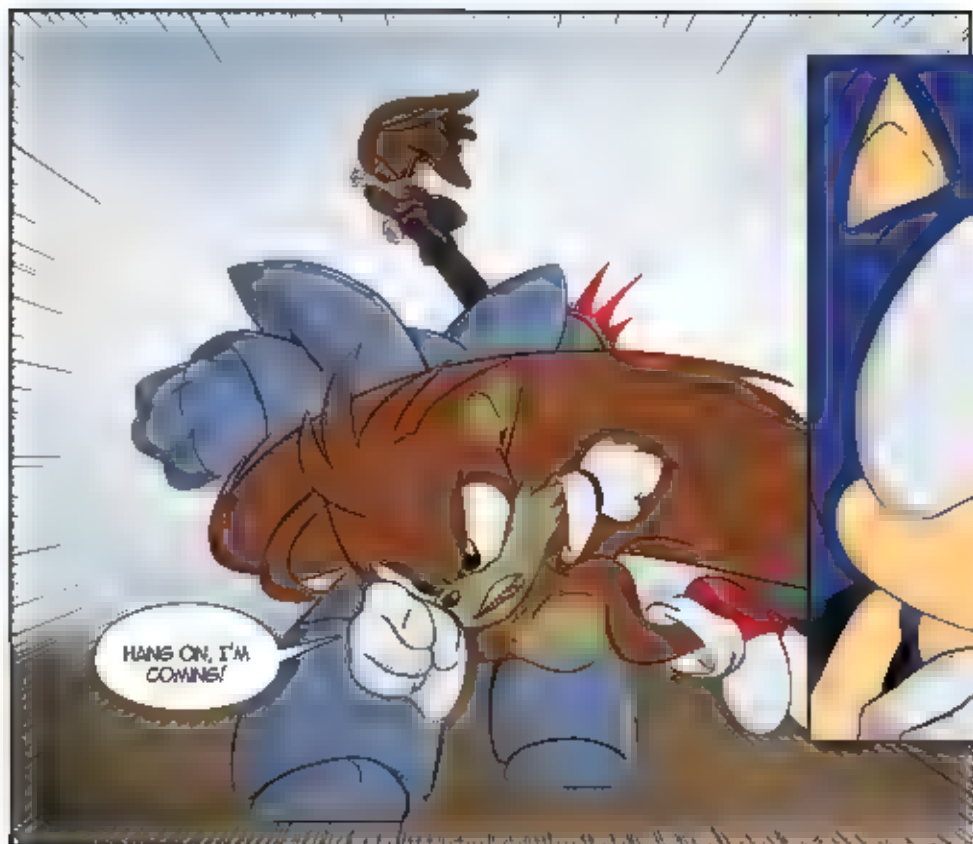
OH YEAH?

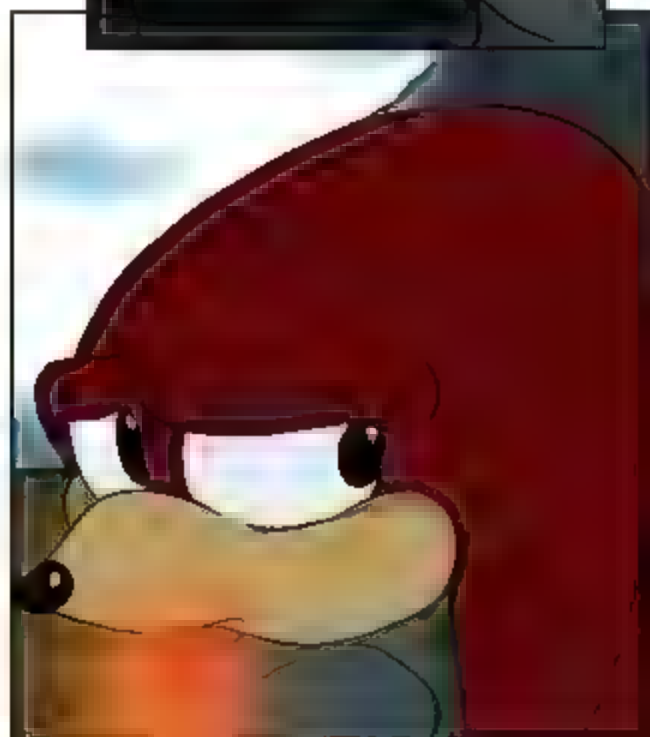
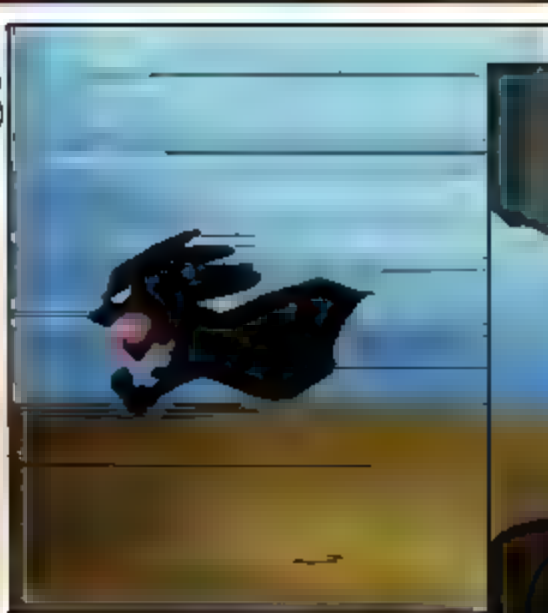
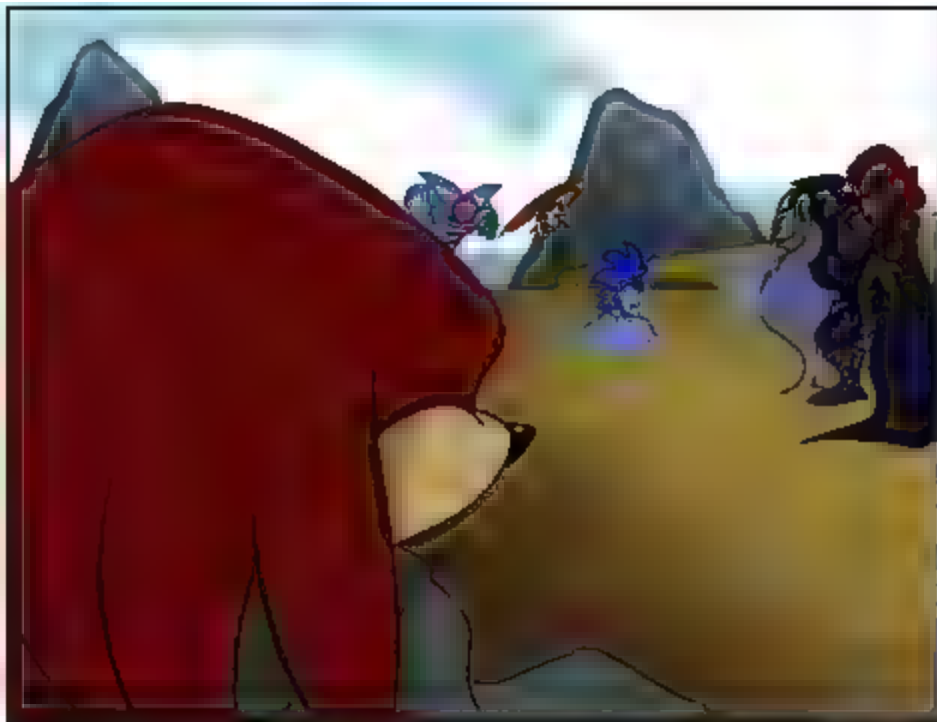
NOW WHO WOULD THAT BE?

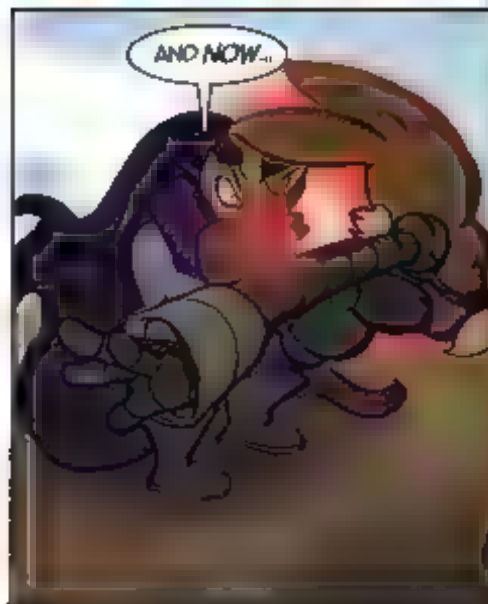
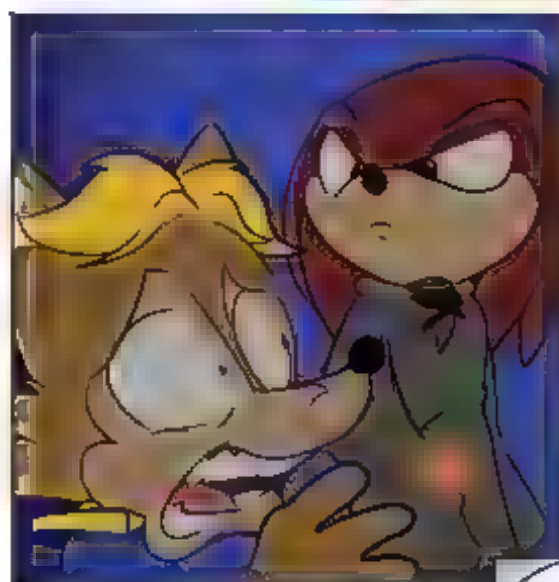
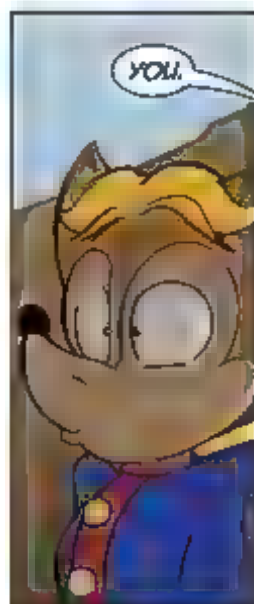
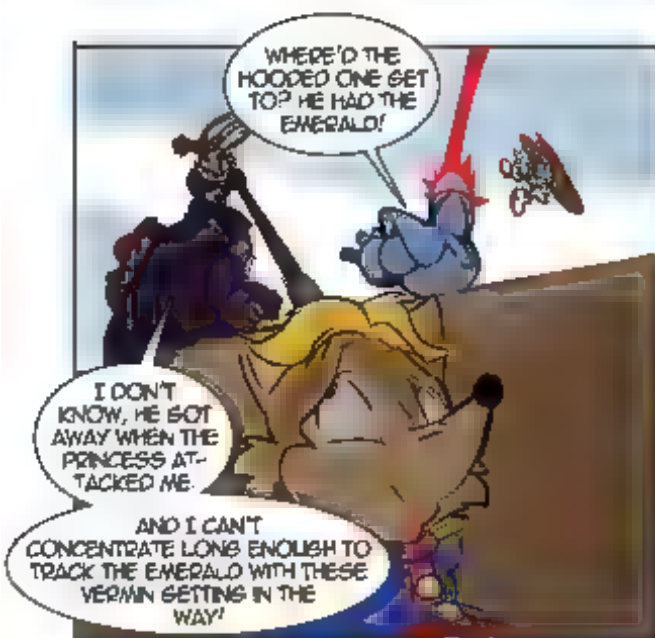


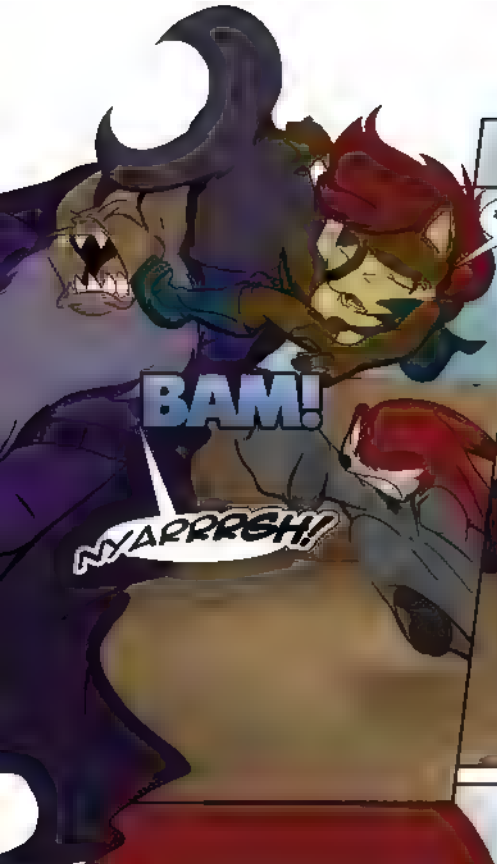












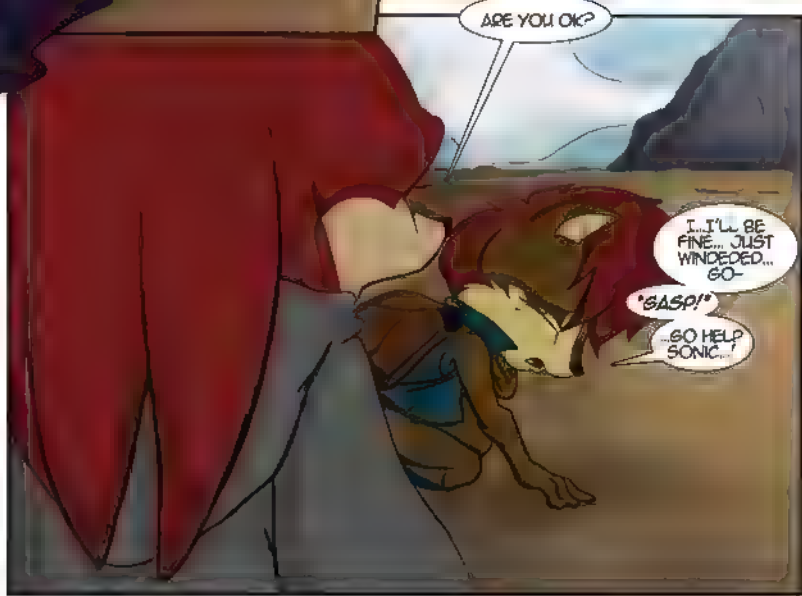
BAM!

NYARRRSH!



"GASP!"

SCREEEE!

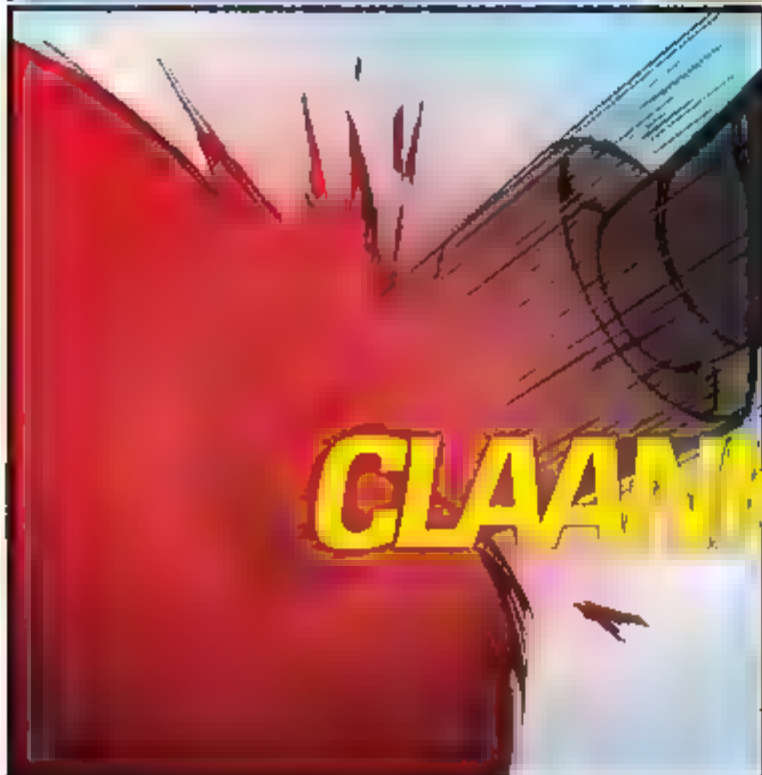
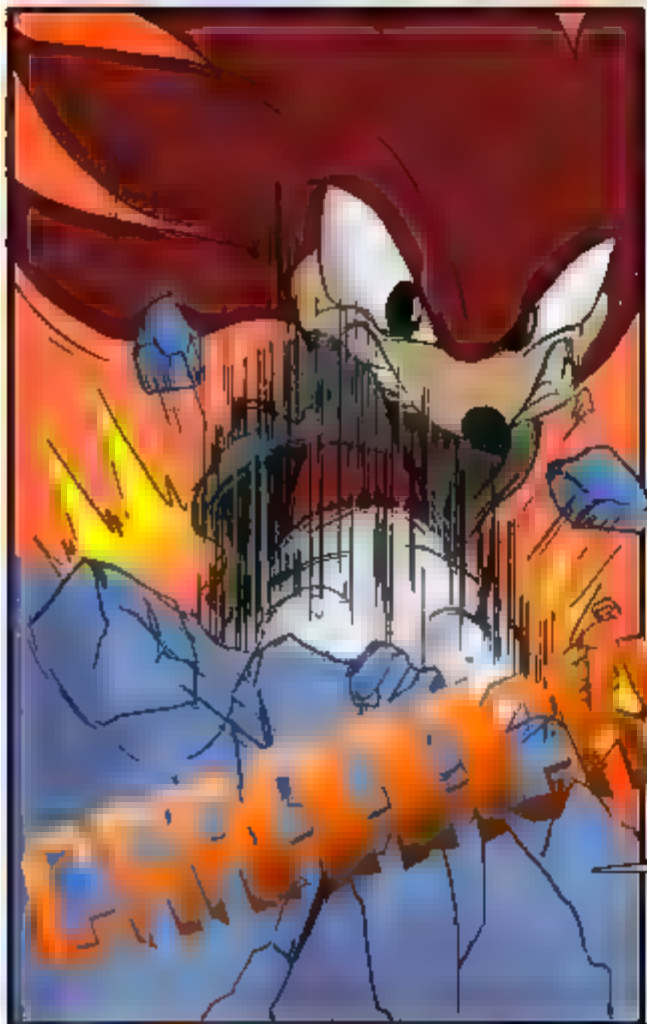
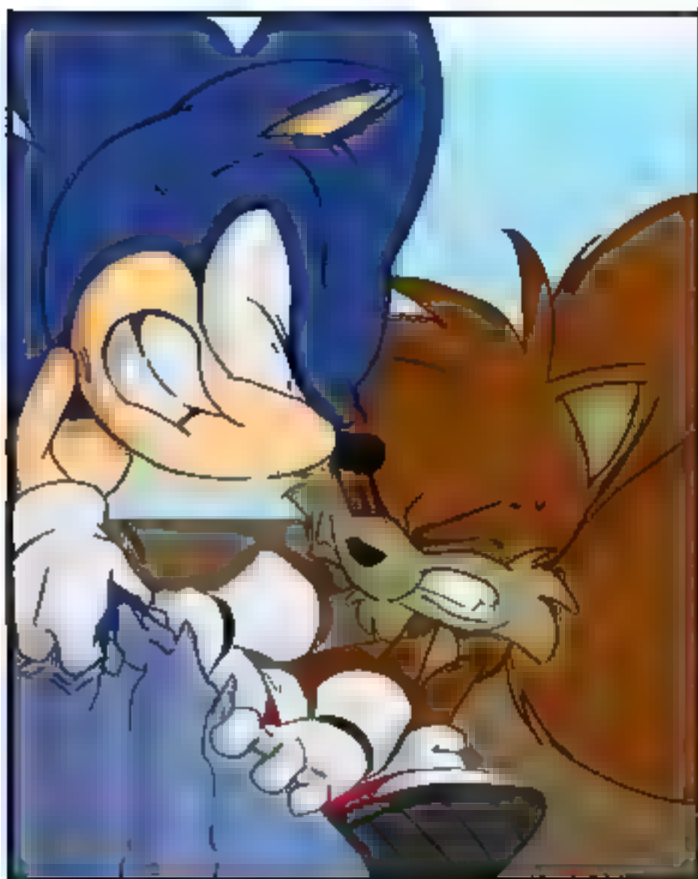


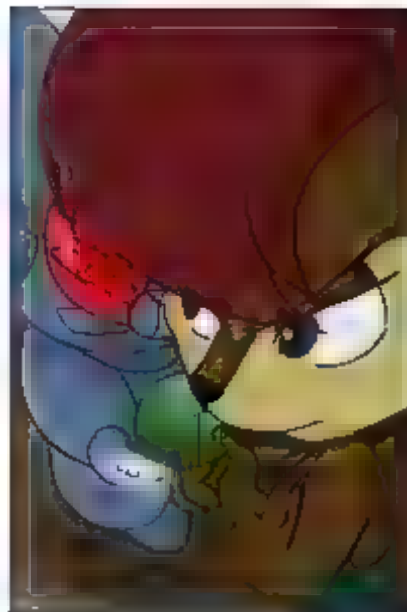
ARE YOU OK?

I...I'LL BE FINE... JUST WINDED... GO-

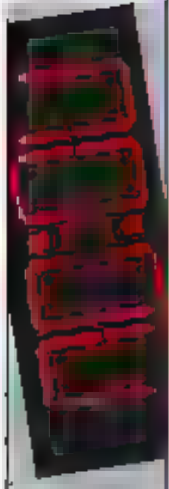
"GASP!"

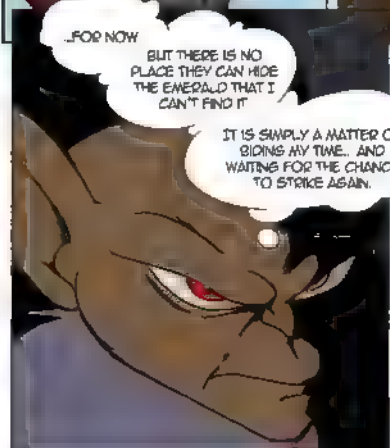
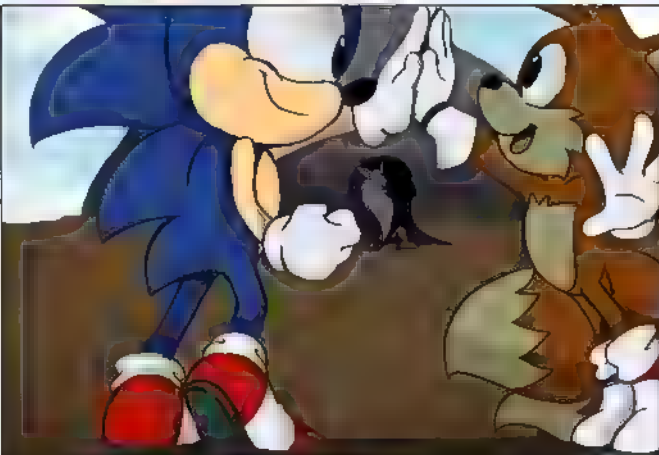
GO HELP SONIC!





BEEP

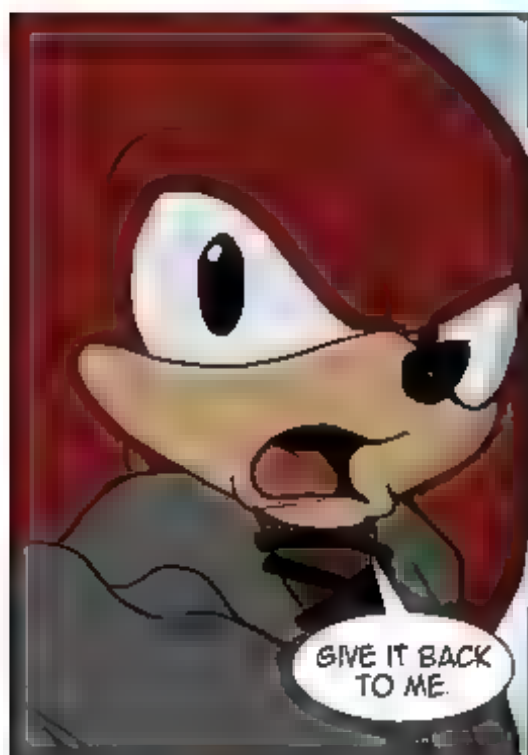


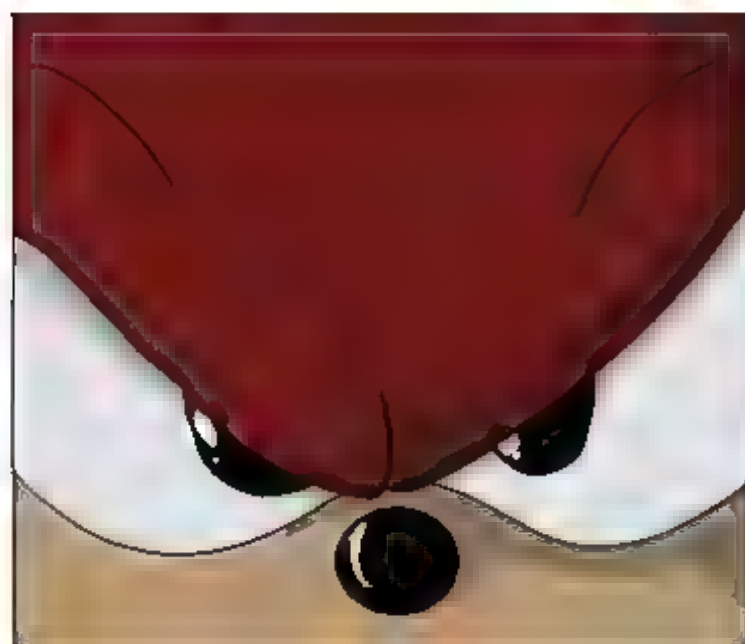
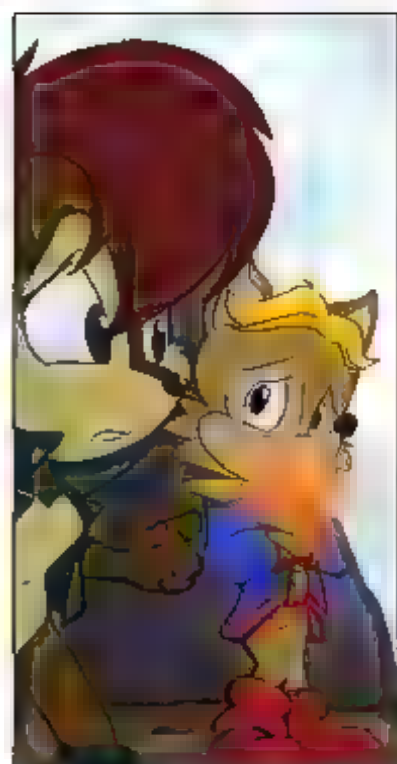
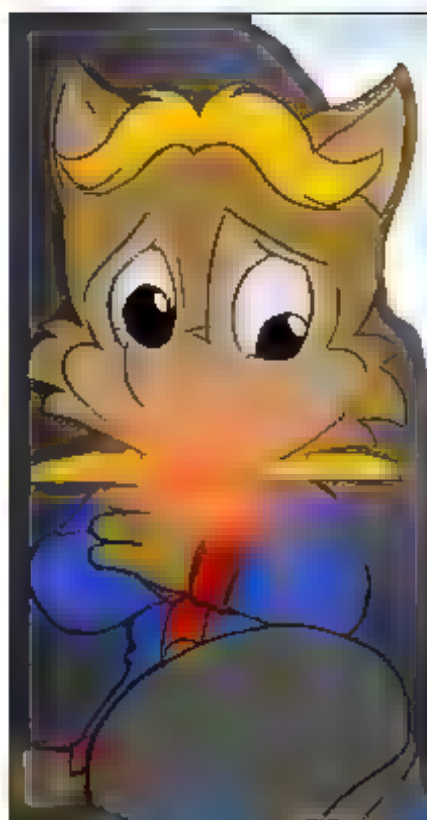
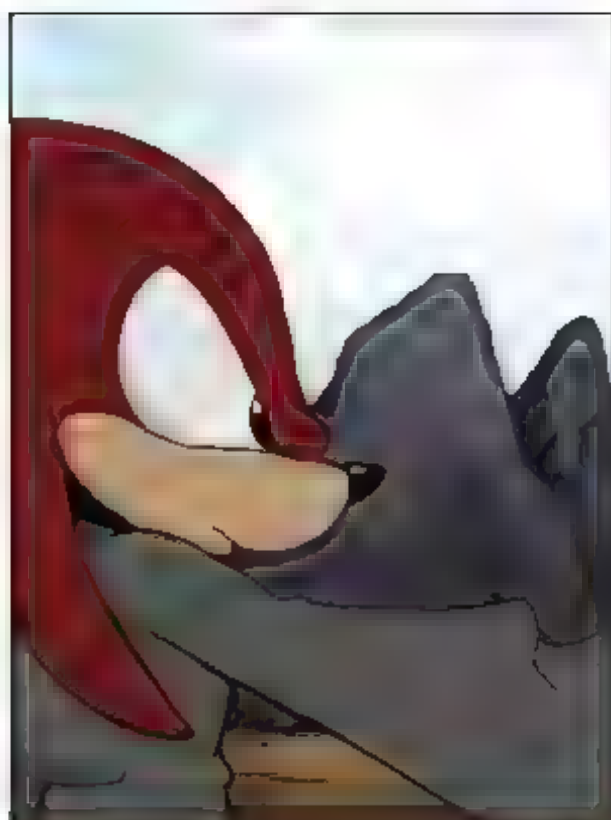


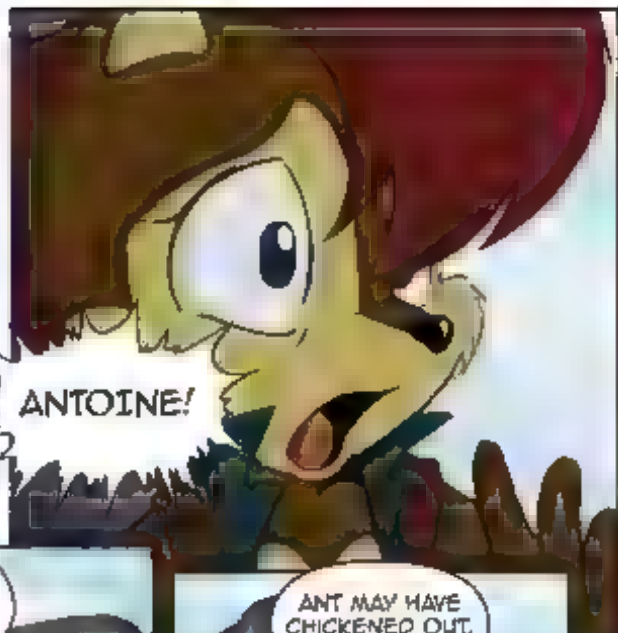
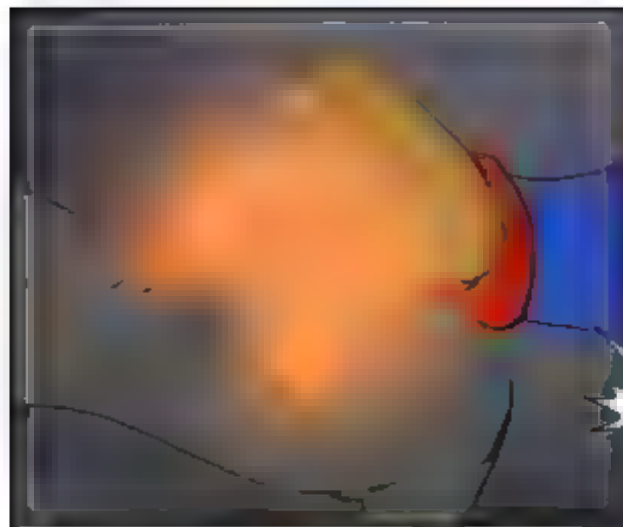
...FOR NOW
BUT THERE IS NO
PLACE THEY CAN HIDE
THE EMERALD THAT I
CAN'T FIND IT

IT IS SIMPLY A MATTER OF
BIDDING MY TIME.. AND
WAITING FOR THE CHANCE
TO STRIKE AGAIN.



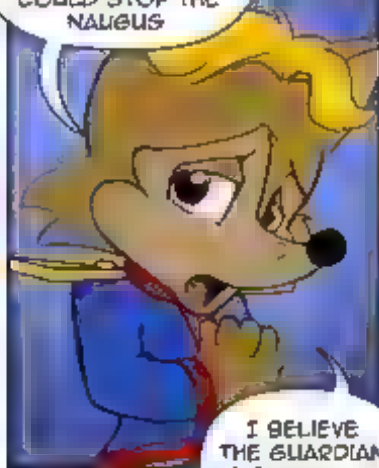






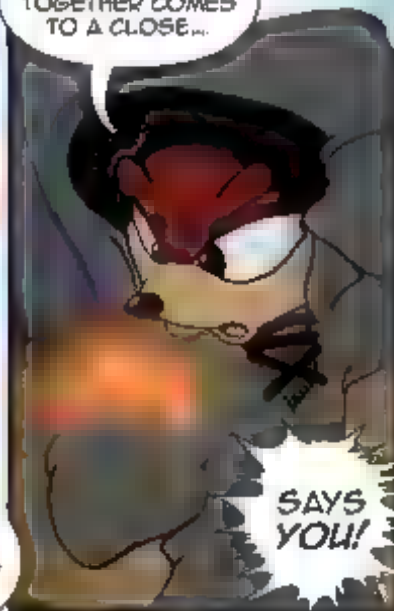
ANTOINE!

FORGIVE ME,
MY PRINCESS...
BUT I CANNOT BE
THINKING OF ANY WAY
IN OUR HAVING THAT
COULD STOP THE
NALIGUS



I BELIEVE
THE GUARDIAN
IS TRAGICALLY
CORRECT

AND SO
OUR BUSINESS
TOGETHER COMES
TO A CLOSE...



SAYS
YOU!

ANT MAY HAVE
CHICKENED OUT,
BUT I SAY-!



YOUR LEGS
ARE FRIGID FROM
NALIGUS' CRYSTAL
SPELL,

YOUR
PRINCESS WAS
NEARLY CHOKED
TO DEATH,

AND YOUR
RABBIT FRIEND HAS
BEEN BADLY HURT



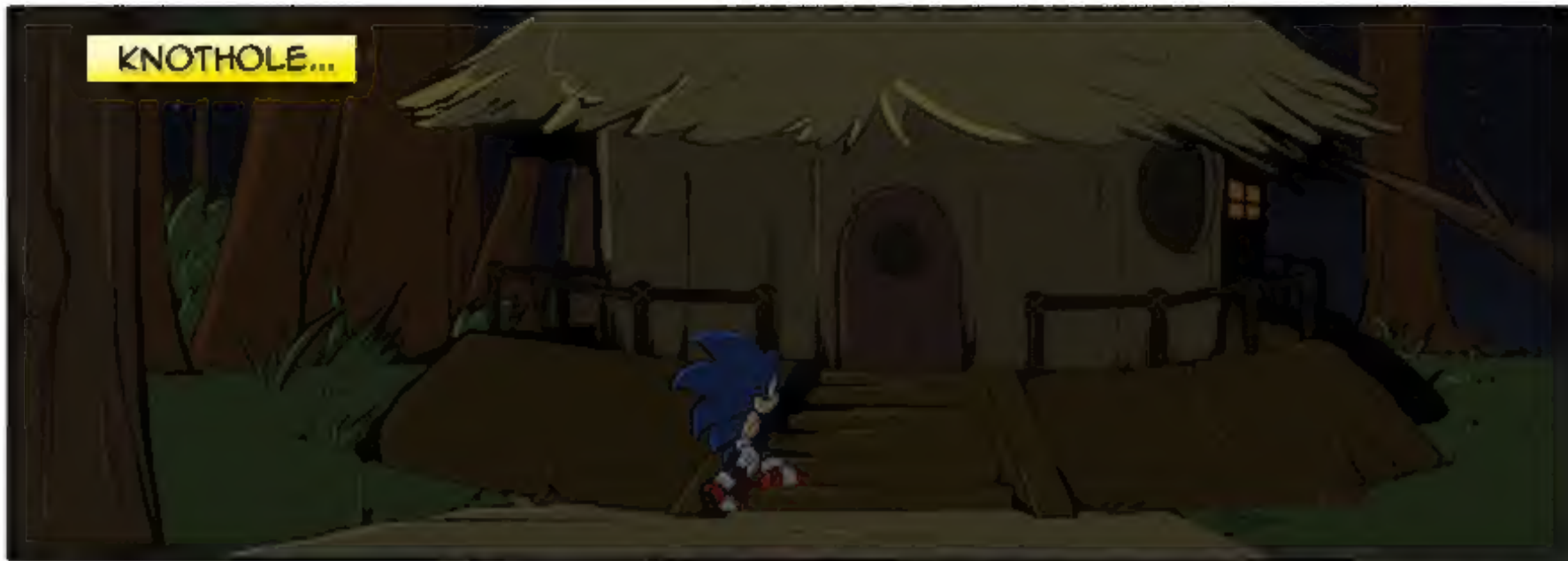
DO YOU
REALLY WISH TO
PICK A FIGHT WITH
ME NOW?



I THOUGHT SO
FAREWELL... FOR
NOW.



KNOTHOLE...



YOU CAN'T SLEEP EITHER, SAL?



I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH NICOLE SINCE WE GOT BACK, ACTUALLY.

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?



WELL, FOR ONE THING, ROTOR'S STILL FIXIN' BUNNIE'S ARM UP SO I WANTED TO CHECK IN ON THAT.

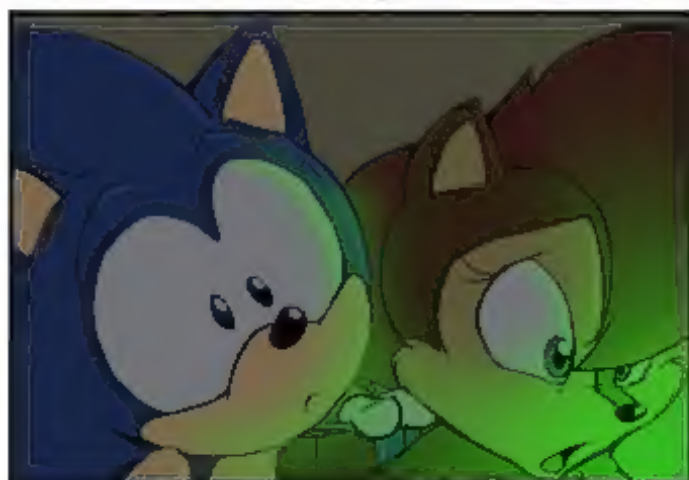
BUT I ALSO WANTED TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE OKAY.

I... I THINK I WILL BE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR...

zzzzzz

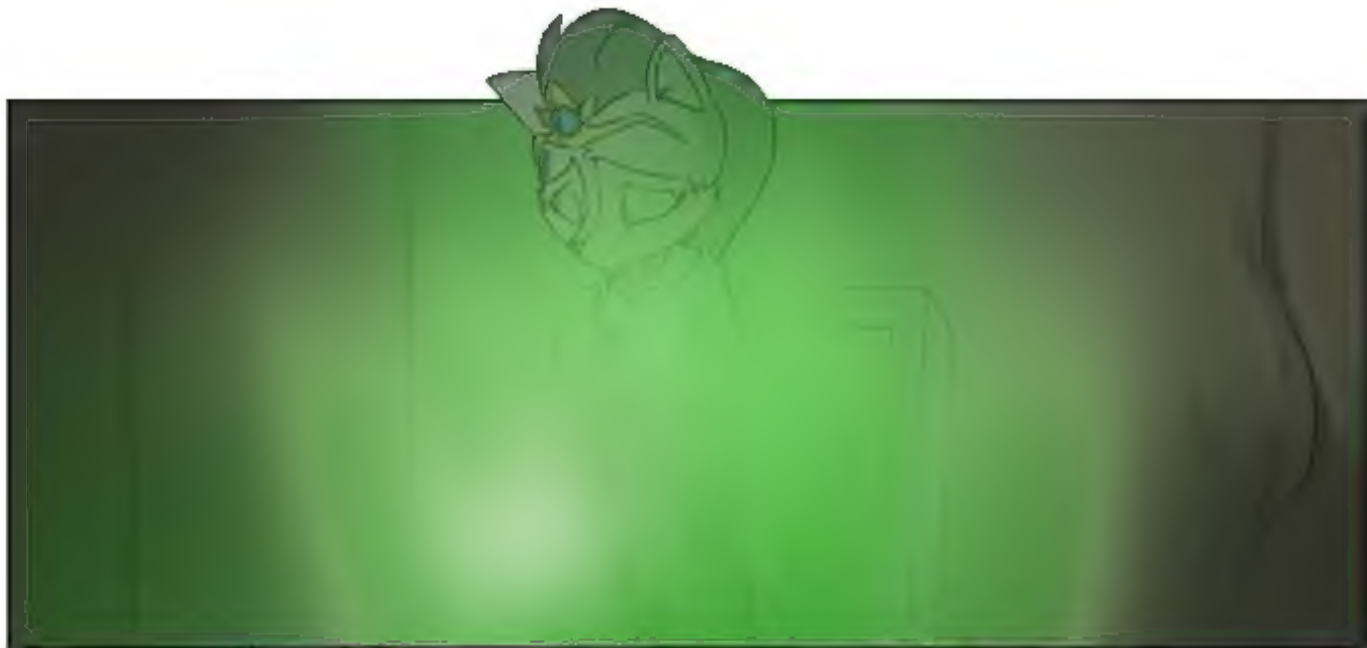


SECURITY PROTOCOLS COMPLETE. ACTIVATE FILE: STAR'S GUIDANCE.



STAR'S GUIDANCE? I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT FILE BEFORE...!





HELLO,
MY DEAREST
DAUGHTER.

I AM QUEEN
NICOLE ACORN, AND IF
YOU ARE SEEING THIS
MESSAGE, IT MEANS
THE TIME HAS COME
FOR YOU TO LEARN A
VERY IMPORTANT
TRUTH.



M...MOTHER...?

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